

# Researching Connecticut Ancestors

## *Class 2: 18th-Century Research*

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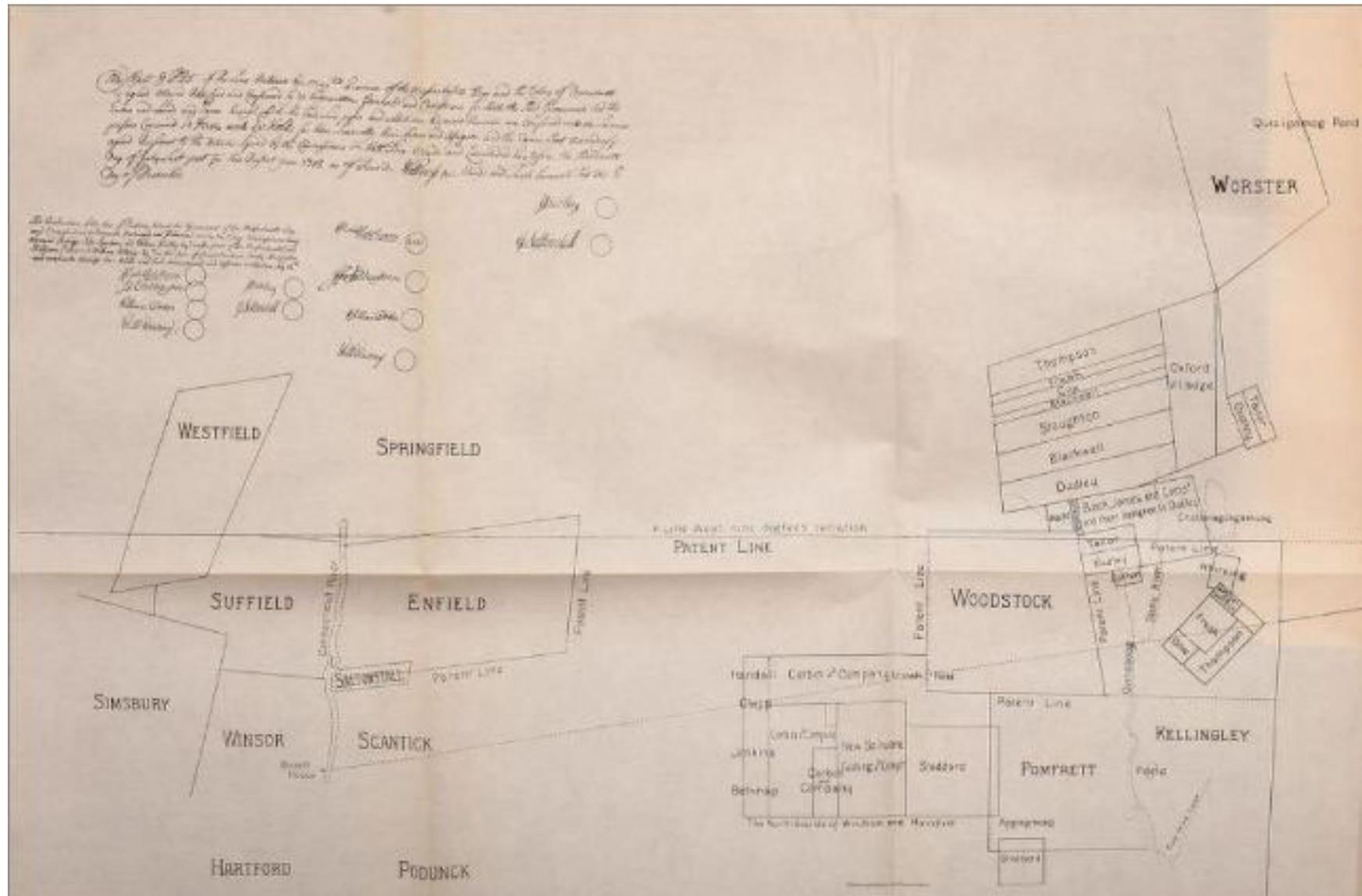
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# New Counties

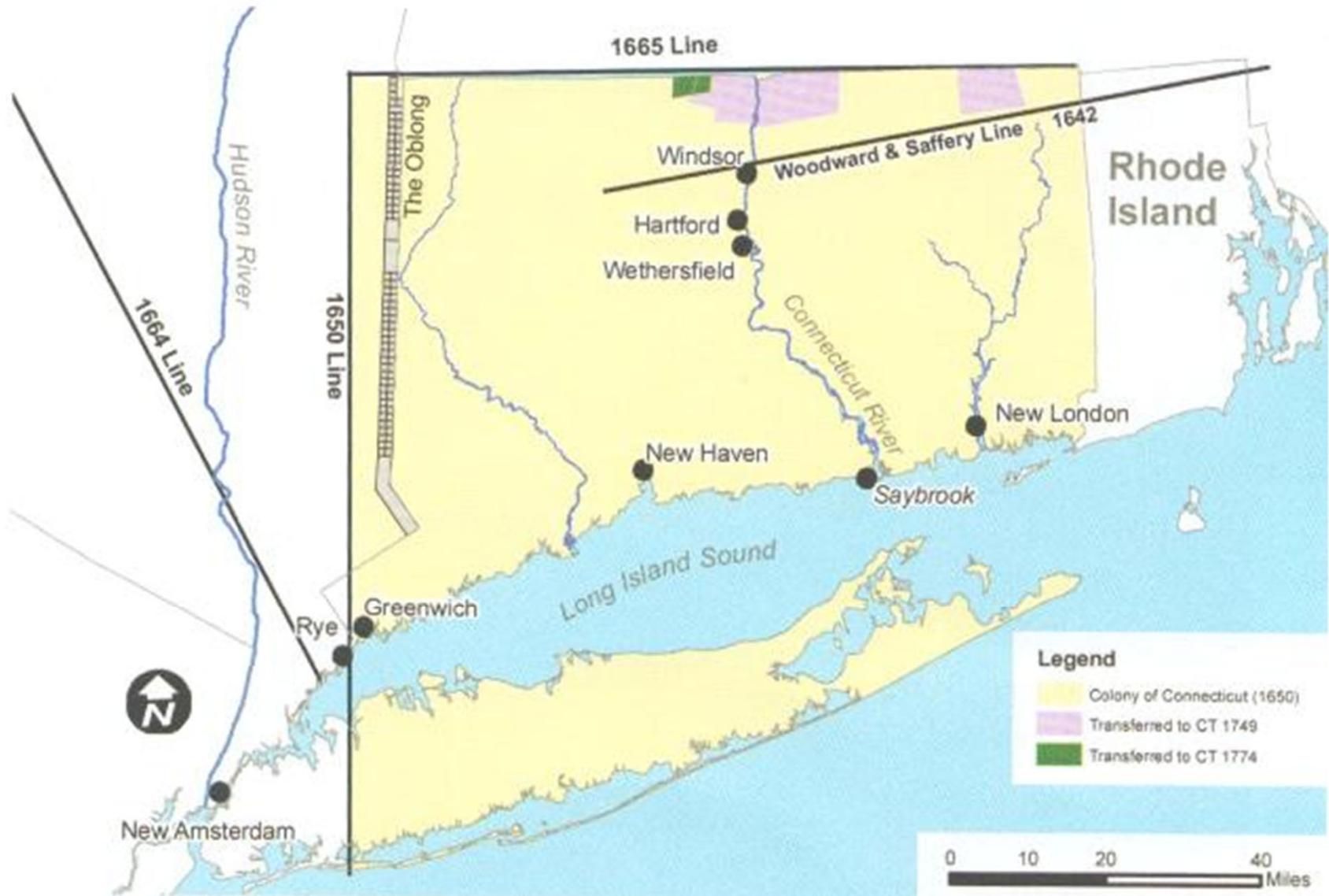
- Windham (1726) from Hartford and New London
- Litchfield (1751) from Fairfield, New Haven, and Hartford.
- Middlesex (1785) from Hartford and New London.
- Tolland (1785) from Windham

# Border Disputes

- 1713 – Connecticut sold land on the northern border line to Massachusetts for 683 pounds. The border towns continued to petition Connecticut for annexation.
- 1731 – border disputes between New York and Connecticut resolved
- 1749 – Connecticut Assembly decided the towns of Suffield, Enfield, Somers, and Woodstock fell within the charter's limits and were returned to Connecticut
  - Middlesex Gore (in Woodstock) was not annexed to Connecticut and remained part of Massachusetts
- 1786 – Connecticut resolves border dispute Pennsylvania (ceding northern third of the state)



The Chandler and Thaxter Survey of 1713 from *The Boundary Disputes of Connecticut* by Clarence Winthrop Bowen



[connecticuthistory.org/surveying-connecticuts-borders](http://connecticuthistory.org/surveying-connecticuts-borders)

# Settlement (Pre-Revolution)

- Starting in 1759, New England Planters left for Nova Scotia
- 1763 - French and Indian Wars hamper efforts for interior settlement until conflict ends
- 1775-1783 - Loyalists leave for Canada, UK & Caribbean



# Revolutionary War

- Connecticut was known as the "Provisions State" due to the arms and manufacturing that contributed to the war effort
- Its coastline harbored privateers who would raid British ships
- Not occupied by British armies, but did experience several British raids
  - Fort Griswold in New London in 1781 was led by patriot-turned-traitor Benedict Arnold
- Nathan Hale became the official state hero of Connecticut

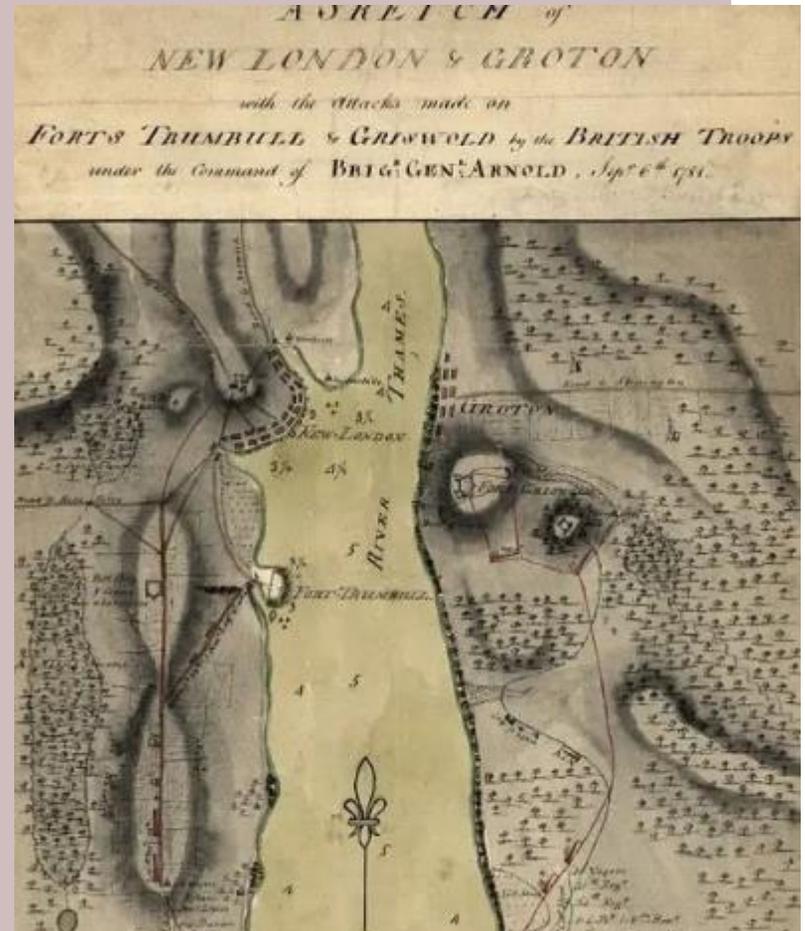


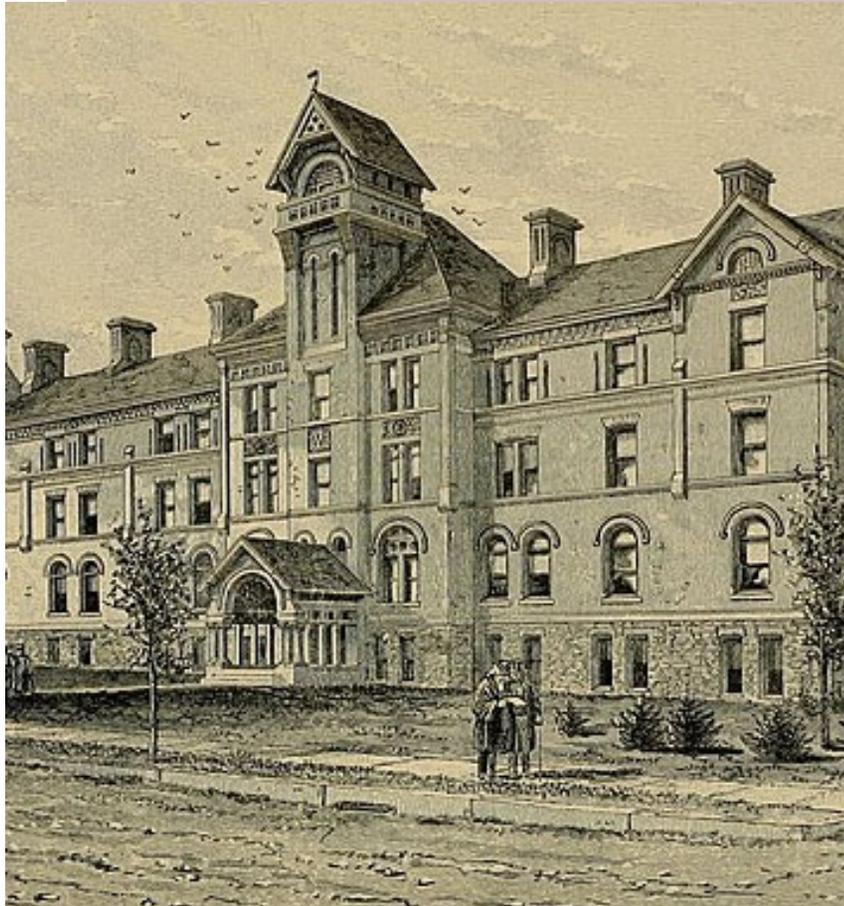
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# Revolutionary War Statistics

- In June 1775, out of the 37,363 soldiers who enlisted in the Continental Army, 3,700 came from Connecticut



# Post-Revolution



- In 1788 Connecticut becomes a new state
- Westward migration begins into Ohio and other states; former soldiers claim bounty land

# The Connecticut Western Reserve

- Area in the Northwest Territory that was owned, sold, and distributed by the state of Connecticut after the American Revolution
- Western part was the fire lands
  - land reserved for people who lost property during the Revolution
- Eastern part sold to Connecticut Land Company in 1795 for \$1.2 million

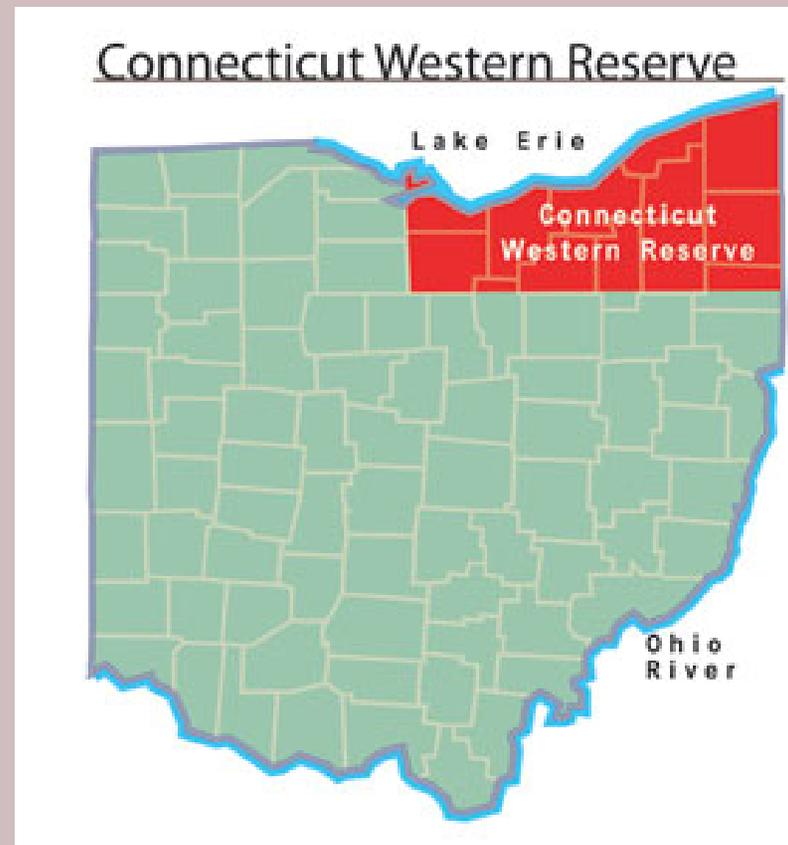
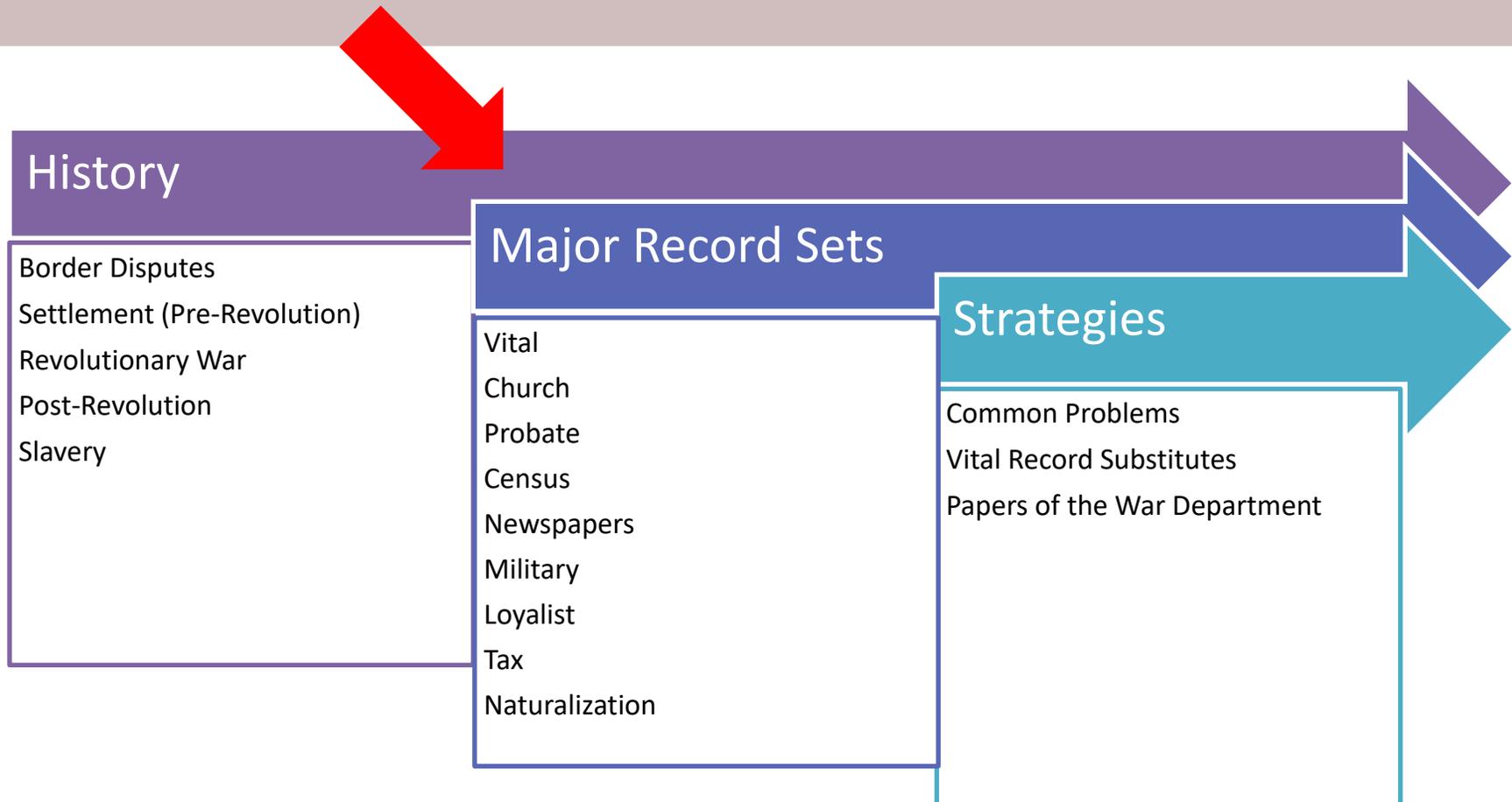


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# Slavery

- 1779 - Prime and Prince are the first enslaved persons to petition the General Assembly to abolish all slavery
- 1784 – Connecticut passes law for gradual emancipation; enslaved persons that are 25 years old and born after March 1st are freed
- 1790 – The federal census revealed that about half the population was still enslaved; of the 3,763 enslaved in New England, 2,648 lived in Connecticut
- Not officially abolished until 1848

# Overview



# Types of Records

Vital Records

Church  
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# Vital Records

# Vital Record Notes

- Originally recorded at the town level
- 1897 – Statewide registration began
- 1915 – General compliance

# Not Every Town is in Barbour Collection

- Bound volumes were not prepared for the towns of Bolton, Coventry, Enfield, Mansfield, New Haven, Norwich, and Vernon.
  - Published compilations of vital records had previously been prepared for these towns

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Ruth Darte Daughter of Ebenezer Darte and Ruth his wife was Borne march 6th AD 1730/31

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Jeremiah Bishop Son of Jeremiah Bishop & martha his wife was Borne march 24th AD 1731

✠ Daud Taylor Son of Daud Taylor and Martha his wife was Borne march 18th AD 1730/31

Ichabod Marshel Son of John Marshel & Damaris his wiffe was Borne December the 5th AD: 1730

John King Son of Hezekiah King & Sarah his wife was Borne September the 11th AD 1730

Abigaill Goodridge Daughter of Moses Goodridge and Hannah his wiffe was Borne ffeb 17th AD 1730/31

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# FamilySearch Databases

- Connecticut Births and Christenings (1649-1906)
- Connecticut Marriages (1630-1997)
- Connecticut Deaths and Burials (1772-1934)

# Church Records

# Congregational Library and Archives

- Located in Boston, Massachusetts
- Repository for Congregational churches in the United States
- Digitizing New England church records
- Hidden Histories project includes 4 Connecticut churches:
  - Canterbury, Conn. Strict Congregational Church (1733-1815)
  - Lebanon, Conn. First Church and Society (1697-1796)
  - Litchfield, Conn. South Farms Church (1781)
  - Lyme, Conn. Second Church and Society (1767)



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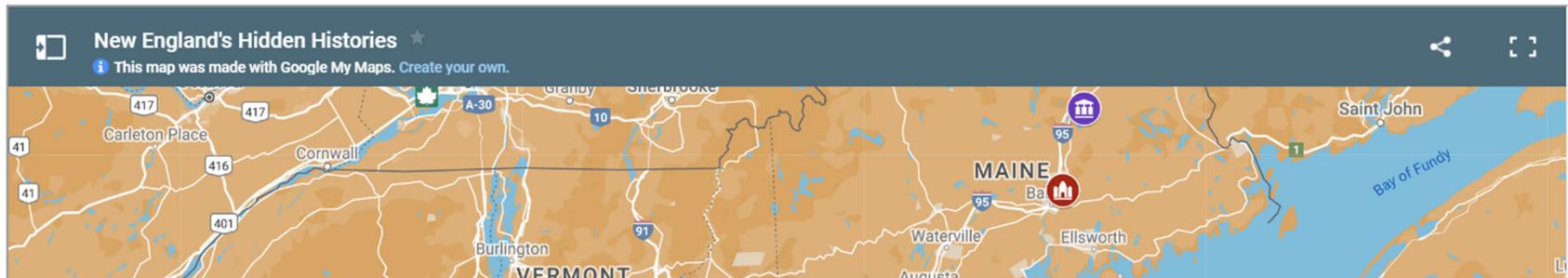
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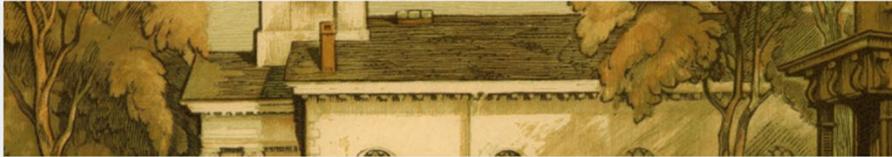
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## Map of New England's Hidden Histories

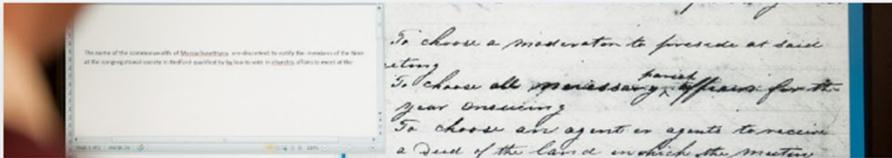


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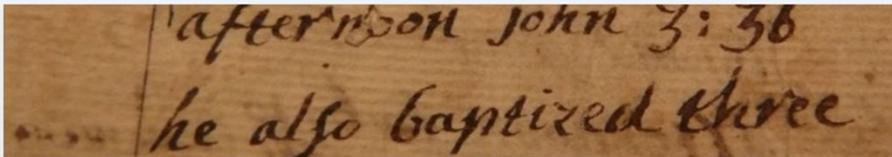
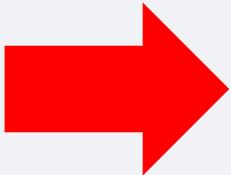
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# CHURCH RECORDS

This section contains collections of church records documenting early Congregational church history in New England. These collections describe the founding and operating of these churches, their concerns, difficulties, and triumphs. Church records document the events and concerns of communities, the civil affairs of the town, and the lives of the ministers and the congregants who sat in the pews. They are some of the oldest and most significant primary source materials for understanding colonial and early United States history.

In this section you will find records of church meetings and votes; births, deaths, baptisms, and marriages; church discipline, including admonitions, confessions, censures, and excommunications; and ecclesiastical council minutes. Of particular note are the personal conversion narratives, called relations of faith, found in several of the collections. These documents, prepared by individuals seeking church membership, offer insight into many underrepresented populations, including women, children, Indigenous people, enslaved and free people of African descent, and indentured servants.

Click on the name of the collection to go to its collection page in the digital archive and explore the digitized materials. The collections are arranged by state and then listed alphabetically by town. Collections with transcriptions have been labeled "Transcription Available."

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### Canterbury, Conn. Strict Congregational Church (1733-1815)

Gathered in 1744, the Strict Congregational Church in Canterbury, Connecticut, was the first of its kind formed in the state. The Strict Church developed from schisms within the First Congregational Church as a result of the First Great Awakening. Issues over polity, such as infant baptism, and monetary issues, such as paying taxes to support the established church and ministers, became central arguments that led to the schism. At the time of the schism, the Strict Church took a majority of the First Congregational Church's members. The Strict Congregational Church remained active throughout the eighteenth century but was no longer active by around 1850. This collection contains meeting minutes, correspondence, disciplinary records, and records relating to the schism within the First Church that resulted in the formation of the Strict Congregational Church.

### Durham, Conn. First Church (1804-1904)

Durham, Connecticut, built its first meetinghouse in 1709. In December of 1710, Rev. Nathaniel Chauncey was called to preach. In 1734, the town voted to build a second meetinghouse. Rev. Elizur Goodrich was approved as minister in 1755, followed by Rev. David Smith in 1799. A third meetinghouse was erected in 1735 but destroyed by fire in 1844, and a dispute arose over where the new meetinghouse would be located, which resulted in the formation of separate North Congregational and South Congregational churches. This collection contains administrative and legal documents largely relating to the dispute over the situation of the fourth meetinghouse, both before and after the decision was taken to split the congregation into two separate churches. There are also contemporaneous documents relating to church administration and financial matters.

### Lebanon, Conn. First Church and Society (1697-1796)

Like many congregations in early New England, people complained about the distance they had to travel to attend worship services. As

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## Browse the First Church and Society records in Lebanon, Connecticut

### ^ Lebanon, Connecticut. First Church and Society records, 1697-1796.

The area which would become known as Lebanon was originally part of a Mohegan settlement called Poquechaneed. The town of Lebanon has its origins with the settlers of Norwich, Connecticut, who wanted to expand beyond the "nine miles square" they had bought from the Mohegan sachem Uncas. From 1663-1692, various parcels of land were deeded to settlers in the area by Mohegan rulers including Uncas and his son, Sachem Owaneco. The town of Lebanon was incorporated by the General Assembly of the Connecticut Colony on October 10, 1700, with the First Church and Society of Lebanon formed in the same year. Rev. Joseph Parsons was called as the first minister and served until 1708.

Nine men formed the original membership of the First Congregational Church of Lebanon, and the first meeting house was built in 1706. Rev. Samuel Welles was the church's second minister from 1711-1718, followed by Rev. Solomon Williams from 1722-1776. By 1724, northerly residents were less willing to travel and pay for the upkeep of a meeting house on the original location at the town common. The First Society's decision to replace the building in that year provoked these members to argue for its re-location to a plot of land owned by

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**Committee meeting minutes for First Society, October 1772, First Church and Society in Lebanon, Conn.**

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**Committee meeting minutes for First Society, September 1772, First Church and Society in Lebanon, Conn.**

**Committee report on potential new meeting house locations, October 1726, First Church and Society in Lebanon, Conn.**

**Cover letter for a receipt, August 1774, First Church and Society in Lebanon, Conn.**

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# Church Records

- FamilySearch databases
- FamilySearch catalogue (under each town)
- Connecticut Church Record Abstracts (1630-1920) database on Ancestry.com
- Connecticut State Library

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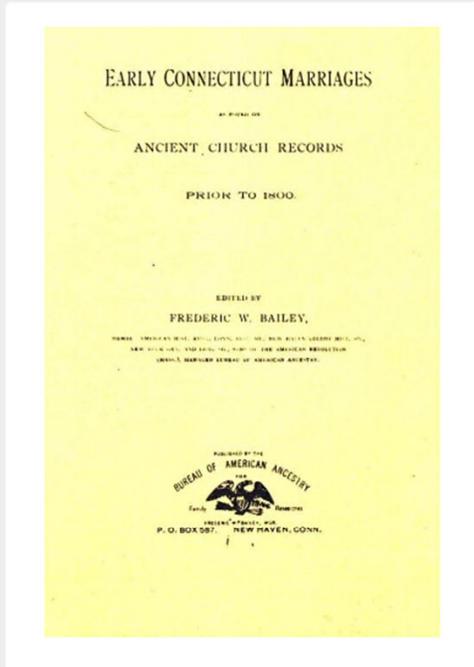
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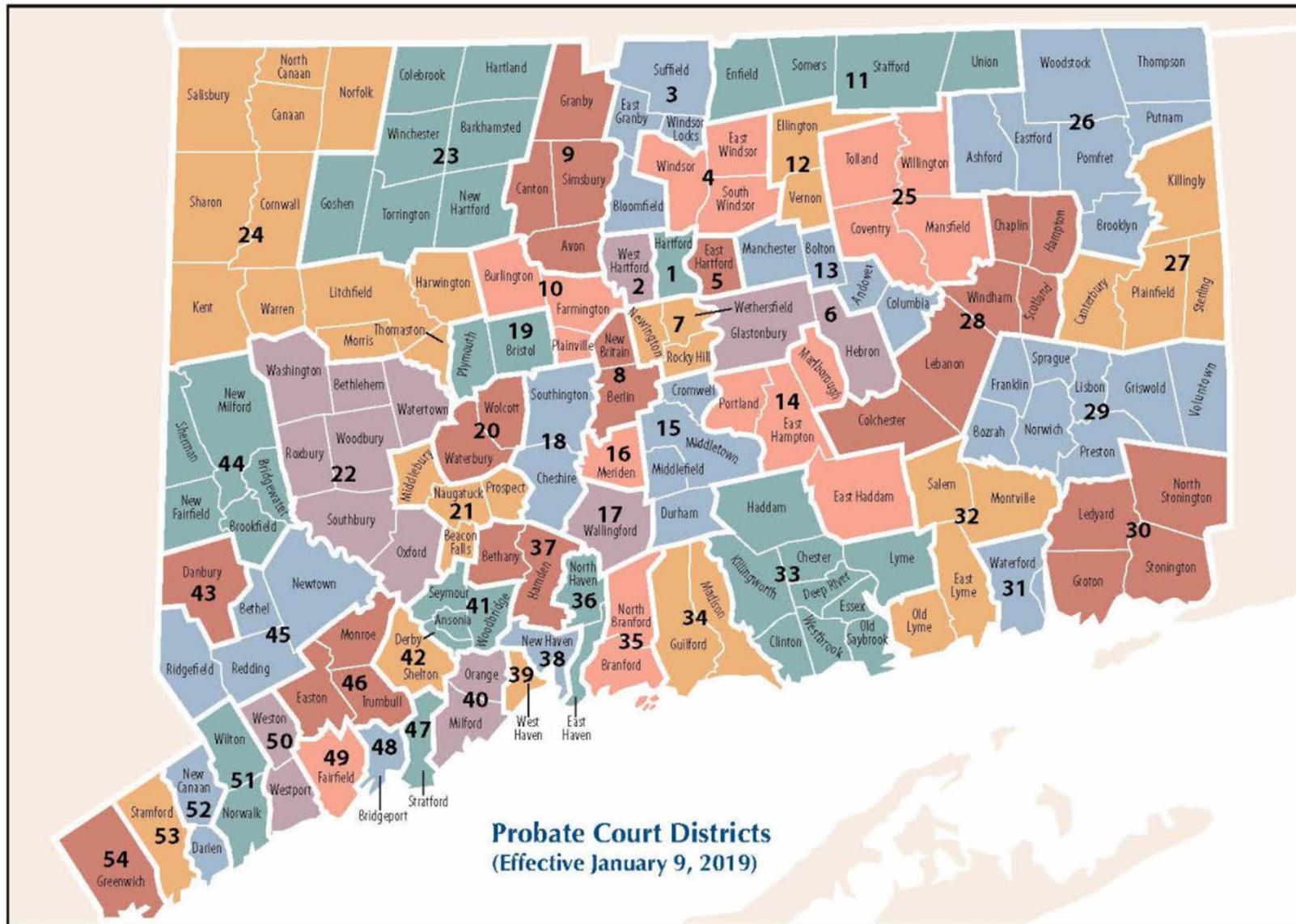
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Aaron ——— & Sarah Chapman of Haddam,		April, 1787
James Pe—— & —— of Haddam,		May, 1787
Josiah Prior of (Middletown?) & Sussanah Smith of Haddam,		Aug., 1787
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Humphry Treadwell & Hannah Thomas,		Dec., 1787
Timothy Hubbard, Jr., & Miss —— Thomas,		Dec., 1787
Thomas Bailey & —— Smith,		Jan., 1788
—— Lane of Killingworth & Elisabeth Porter of Haddam,		Jan., 1788
Robert Smith & Susannah Kelley,		Jan., 1788
Benjamin Johnson & Else Smith,		April, 1788
David Spencer & Damaris Brainerd,		May, 1788
Cornelius Higgins, Esqr., & widow Mary Smith,		Sept., 1788
James Tyler & Esther Dickinson,		Dec., 1788
Aaron Thomas, Jr., & Martha Smith,		Oct., 1789
Jonathan Hubbard & Sally Thomas,		Nov., 1789
Curtis Smith & Arsenah Brainerd,		Jan., 1789
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James Brooks & Caroline Smith,		Dec., 1789
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*Early Connecticut Marriages...Prior to 1800 by  
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# Probate Records



**Probate Court Districts**  
(Effective January 9, 2019)

## Probate Court Districts

Town (Current Probate District)	Inc.	County	Parent Town(s)	Pre-2011 Probate District (Est.)	Parent Probate District	Notes	VRs	CRs
Chaplin (28)	1822	Windham	Hampton, Mansfield, Windham	Chaplin (1850)	Windham	Alias: Suffrage.	B, W	
Cheshire (18)	1780	New Haven	Wallingford	Cheshire (1829)	Wallingford	Daughter Town: Prospect.	B, W	
Chester (33)	1836	Middlesex	Deep River (Saybrook)	Saybrook (1780)	Guilford		B, W	
Clinton (33)	1838	Middlesex	Killingworth	Clinton (1862)	Killingworth		B, N, W	
Colchester (28)	1698	New London		Colchester (1832)	East Haddam	Named in 1699. Daughter Towns: Marlborough, Salem.	B, W	
Colebrook (23)	1779	Litchfield		Winchester (1838)	Norfolk	Alias: Coldbrook.	B, W	
Columbia (13)	1804	Tolland	Lebanon	Andover (1851)	Hebron		B, W	
Cornwall (24)	1740	Litchfield		Cornwall (1847)	Litchfield		B, W	
Coventry (25)	1712	Tolland		Coventry (1849)	Hebron	Daughter Town: Andover.	P, W	
Cromwell (15)	1851	Middlesex	Middletown	Middletown (1752)	East Haddam, Guilford, Hartford			
Danbury (43)	1687	Fairfield		Danbury (1744)	Fairfield	Settled 1685. Daughter Towns: Bethel, Brookfield	B, W	N
Darien (52)	1820	Fairfield	Stamford	Darien (1921)	Stamford		B, W	N
Deep River (33)	1635	Middlesex		Deep River (1949)	Saybrook	Called Saybrook to 1947. Daughter Towns: Chester, Lyme, Old Saybrook, Westbrook	B, P, W	
Derby (41)	1675	New Haven		Derby (1858)	New Haven	Daughter Towns: Andover, Oxford, Seymour.	B, W	
Durham (15)	1708	Middlesex		Middletown (1752)	East Haddam, Guilford, Hartford	Settled 1699. Named 1704.	B, W	
East Granby (3)	1858	Hartford	Granby, Windsor Locks	East Granby (1865)	Granby		P, W	
East Haddam (14)	1734	Middlesex	Haddam	East Haddam (1741)	Hartford		B, W	N, W
East Hampton (14)	1767	Middlesex	Middletown	East Hampton (1824)	East Haddam, Middletown	Called Chatham to 1915.	B, W	



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513 At a Court of Probate held in Fairfield April 24<sup>th</sup> 1739 then personally Appeared And<sup>rs</sup> Burr Esq. & Mr. Nath<sup>l</sup> Burr y<sup>e</sup> Witnesses to y<sup>e</sup> within will and made Solemn Oath y<sup>t</sup> they Saw William Hill Sen<sup>r</sup> Signer and Sealer to y<sup>e</sup> within will Sign & Seal y<sup>e</sup> Same and heard him Declare it to be his last will and Testament y<sup>t</sup> they Judged him to be of Sound mind and memory at y<sup>e</sup> Same time y<sup>t</sup> they Set to their hands as Witnesses to y<sup>e</sup> Same in y<sup>e</sup> presence of y<sup>e</sup> Testator y<sup>t</sup> they Saw David Thompson y<sup>e</sup> Other Witness Sign with them at y<sup>e</sup> Same time — at S<sup>d</sup> Court personally Appeared Joseph Hill & William Hill Executors in s<sup>d</sup> will named and Accepted y<sup>e</sup> Trust Committed to them by y<sup>e</sup> Testator — at S<sup>d</sup> Court s<sup>d</sup> will being Exhibited by s<sup>d</sup> Executors in order for Probation s<sup>d</sup> will being proved is by S<sup>d</sup> Court Approved and ordered to be Recorded Test William Burr Clerk

In the Name of God Amen. I John Thompson Sen<sup>r</sup> of Fairfield in his maj<sup>ty</sup>s Colony of Connecticut in new-England being weak in body but of Sound mind and memory thanks be given to God therefore Ceding to mind y<sup>e</sup> mortality of my body knowing y<sup>t</sup> it is appointed

## Will of John Thompson, 1739

### Probate files collection, early to 1880

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Authors: [Connecticut State Library \(Hartford, Connecticut\)](#)  
(Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1977-1979

Physical: 1622 microfilm reels ; 35 mm.

#### Notes

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Probate packets - Birge-Brown, N., 1787-1880	<a href="#">Family History Library</a>	United States & Canada 2nd Floor Film	1015128	7626304	

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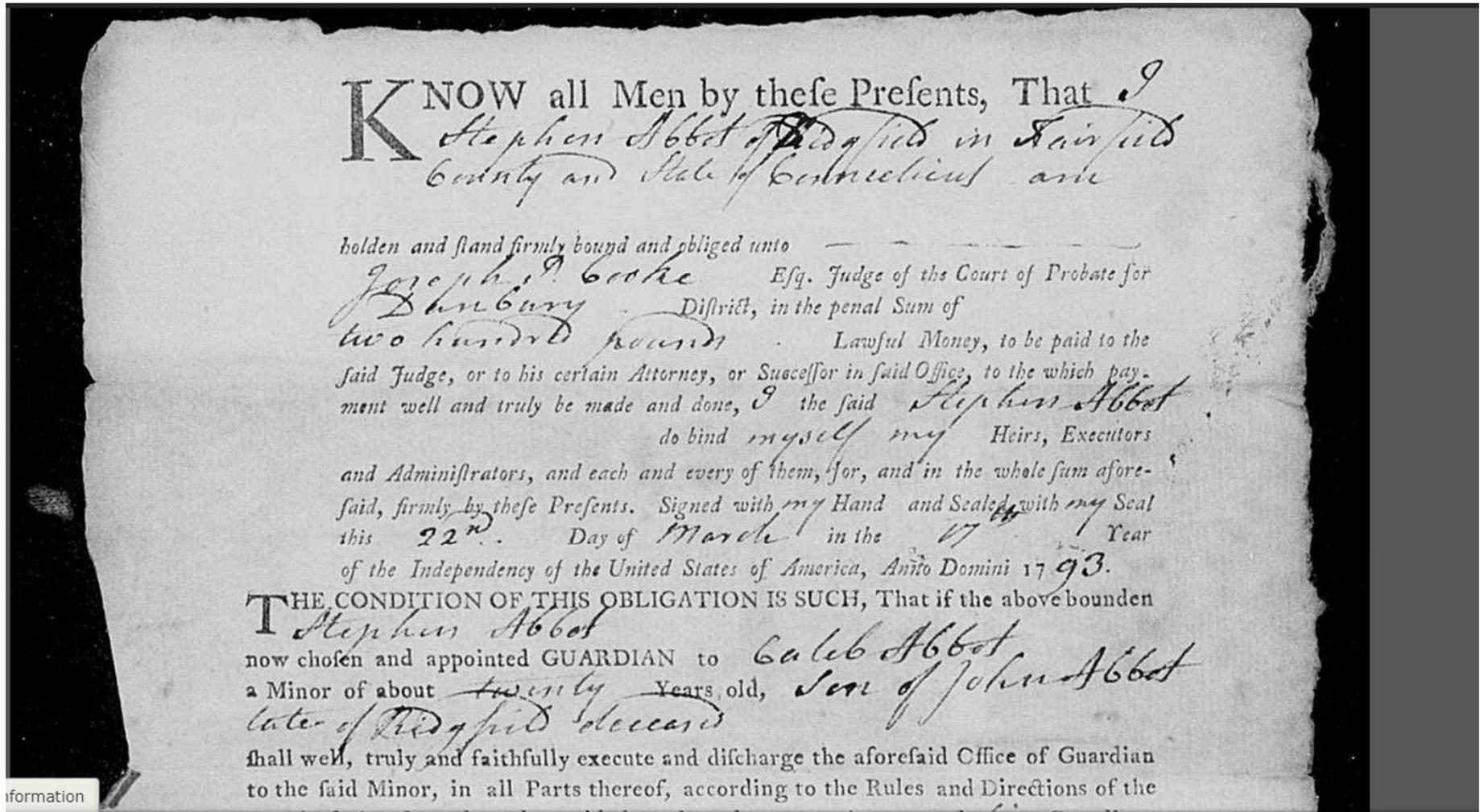
TOWN OF Ridgefield

DATE 1793    NO. 7

**Danbury  
Probate District**

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Probate Packet of Caleb Abbot, Ridgefield,  
1793, Case #7



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## Guardian Bond of Caleb Abbot

# Court Records

# General Court

- General Assembly after 1637
- Highest state court – handled civil and criminal cases
- Most judicial responsibilities relinquished by 1750
- Records are published in *The Public Records of The Colony of Connecticut (1636-1776)*, available on FamilySearch

## The public records of the colony of Connecticut, 1636-1776

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Title Also Known As:	Colonial records of Connecticut
Statement of Responsibility:	transcribed and edited in accordance with a resolution of the General Assembly
Authors:	<a href="#">Trumbull, J. Hammond (James Hammond), 1821-1897</a> (Added Author) <a href="#">Hoadly, Charles J. (Charles Jeremy), 1828-1900</a> (Added Author) <a href="#">Connecticut. Colonial General Assembly</a> (Added Author) <a href="#">Connecticut. Colonial Council of Safety</a> (Added Author) <a href="#">United Colonies of New England. Commmissioners</a> (Added Author) <a href="#">Connecticut. Colonial Council</a> (Added Author)
Format:	Books/Monographs/Book with Digital Images
Language:	English
Publication:	Hartford, Connecticut : Case, Lockwood & Brainard, 1850-1890
Physical:	15 v. : ill.
Subject Class:	974.6 N2

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This Court accepts John Burr to be made free, and Mr. Gould is hereby authorized to administer the oath of freedom to him.

John Teed, Edward Hornett, Samuel Titus, Thomas Jones, William Williams, Samuel Ketcham, Joseph Whitman, Thomas Brush, Caleb Curwithee, Joseph Bayley, John Rogers, Samuel Wood, Thomas Workes, Henry Whisson, James Chichester, Henry Ludlow, Thomas Scuddor, John Samwayes, Thomas Powell, Jonathan Rogers and Isaac Platt are accepted to be made free, and the Commissioners of Huntington are to administer the oath of freedom to them.

Captain Seely and Mr. Wood are appointed Commissioners for Huntington, and Captain Seely is to administer the Commissioners oath to Mr. Wood.

Ensign Avery is authorized to administer the oath of a Commissioner to Mr. Bruen and Mr. Palmes.

Mr. Woodhall and John Ketcham are appointed Commissioners for Setawkett; and were sworn in Court.

Mr. Thurston Rayner is by this Court chosen a Magistrate, and Mr. John Howell is to administer the oath to him for the faithful execution of his office.

Mr. Mulford and Mr. Bond are appointed Magistrates for East Hampton, and Mr. John Howell is hereby authorized to administer the oath to them, for the faithful execution of their places.

# Superior Court

- In 1711 the Superior Court replaced the Court of Assistants
- Principal trial court for major civil and criminal cases (including divorce cases)
- Some records digitized on FamilySearch
- Records held at the Connecticut State Library



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### Court records, 1786-1797

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Authors: [Connecticut. Superior Court \(Middlesex County\)](#) (Main Author)

Format: Manuscript/Manuscript on Film

Language: English

Publication: Salt Lake City, Utah : Filmed by the Genealogical Society of Utah, 1989

Physical: on 1 microfilm reel ; 35 mm.

#### Notes

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Court papers are arranged in several files: miscellaneous, partition of land, jurors, court expense, costs, travel and inquest.

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R. Williams vs. } Middlesex Co. Sup. Ct. Dec. 1793  
Joseph Clark }

and now the plffs after  
verdict & before judgment in  
Court move that no judgment  
be rendered against the plaintiffs  
but that judgment be rendered for the  
plaintiffs against the dependant  
Because the plffs say - -

1. That the matter found by said ver-  
dict afford no sufficient founda-  
tion for a judgment in favor of the  
dependant against the plaintiffs
2. That the matter contained in the

Middlesex County Superior Court Record, 1793

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Statement of Responsibility: edited by John T. Farrell ; foreword by Charles E. Clark

Authors: [Johnson, William Samuel, 1727-1819](#) (Main Author)  
[Farrell, John T. \(John Thomas\), 1911-](#) (Added Author)  
[Connecticut. Superior Court](#) (Added Author)

Format: Books/Monographs/Book with Digital Images

Language: English

Publication: Millwood, New York : Kraus Reprint, 1975

Physical: lxxv, 293 p.

ISBN: 0527016179

Subject Class: [974.6 P2](#)

Series: American legal records; v. 4

#### Notes

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Reprint. Originally published: Washington, D.C. : American Historical Association, 1942. 1 v.

Includes index.

Also available on digital images.

## JOHNSON SUPERIOR COURT DIARY

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there directly to Fisher Island from thence 3 of them went to Rhode Island and the rest returned to New London all still in Quest of said Sloop—further the Deponent saith not. George Roberts.

Hartford County Ss Hartford November 17th 1772. Then Personally appeared George Roberts and made Solemn Oath to the Truth of the foregoing Deposition by him Subscribed, the said Roberts being bound a Voyage to Sea, and the Adverse Party Notified but Not present.

Jurat Coram. Benjamin Payne Justus Pacis.

6th

## REX v. SCRIPTURE

Indictment for Stamping Counterfeit Coin viz. half Jos: And also Counterfeit Jersey Bills. Exception by way of Quash that these two Offences cannot be Joined in the same Indictment, because the Punishments are different, and if he were found Guilty No Judgment could be entered up. Bac: Abr. Tit. Indictment Cites Will. H. P. C. 173 that Burglary and Larceny may be Joined. Vid. 1. H: H: P: C 561. 610. H. P: C. 241. Rex v. Weston Stra. Rep. Rex v. Phillips Stra. Rep. 961. Rex v. Chandon. Assault upon two cannot be joined. Seymour Attorney. The Punishments are indeed different but the Jury may find him Guilty of one offence only, or if they find generally Guilty the Court will give Sentence for the more moderate Punishment. The Indictment was Quashed.

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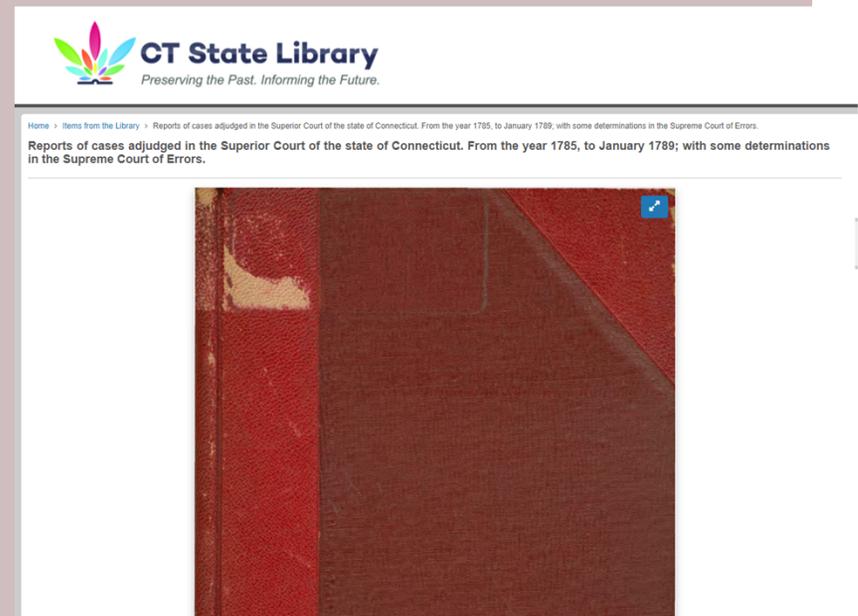
Colony of Connecticut Ss. Hartford Adjourned Superior Term December last Tuesday A Dom: 1771.

The Jurors for our Lord the King upon their Oath present, that One Simeon Scripture of Willington in said County of Hartford on or about the 10th day of October last past at Willington aforesaid feloniously and Traiterously did Stamp and make twenty pieces of Counterfit Coin made in imitation of Twenty true Pieces of Gold Coin Commonly Called half Joes and also that the said Simeon at Willington aforesaid on or about the said 10th day of October in the Year aforesaid did feloniously and traiterously imprint Stamp and Counterfit One hundred Bills made in imitation of the true Bills of Credit of the Denomination of fifteen Shillings Emittted by the Province of New Jersey and also did then and there imprint Stamp and Counterfit One hundred Bills made in imitation of the true Bills of Credit of said Province of New Jersey of the Denomination of thirty Shilling Bills of said Province and aided and Assisted therein, against the Peace of our said Lord the now King his Crown and Dignity and Contrary to the form and Effect of the Statute of this Colony in such Case made and provided.

Rex v. Scripture, *Johnson Superior Court Diary*

# Supreme Court of Errors

- Created in 1784 as the highest appellate court
- Reviewed cases based on a writ of error, which was previously done by General Assembly
- Published with superior court records



# Census Records

# Census Records

- 1756 Census – First Census of the Colony
- 1762 Census was taken by selectmen of 68 towns.
- Other censuses were taken in 1774, 1776, 1779, and 1782.
- No state census records were recorded for Connecticut
- 1790 U.S. Census
  - First federal census of the United States
  - Head of household named
  - All other household members broken down by sex and age

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# Tax Records

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## New Milford, CT: Tax List, 1756

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## Description

The New Milford tax list of 1756 was discovered amongst the papers of New Milford town clerk John S. Addis. It was transcribed by Thomas T. Sherman and acquired by NEHGS in 1942. The town of New Milford, located in Litchfield County, was established in 1719.

The original text is part of the R. Stanton Avery Collections, call number **Mss A 6183**.

Keywords: AAUnique

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# 1798 Direct Tax

- Congress enacted a \$2 million direct tax to help fund a military if we went to war with France.
- Each state was required to create their forms and assess the value of property, including enslaved persons, and collect their portion of the tax
- The tax had 3 parts:
  - Dwelling houses more than \$100 were taxed based upon value
  - Slaveowners were taxed 50 cents per enslaved person between the ages of 12 and 50 who were not precluded from working based on permanent illness or disability
  - All other real property (i.e. "land"), dwelling houses less than \$100
- Original records are kept at the Connecticut Historical Society

List of LANDS with the BUILDINGS thereon, belonging on the 1st day of October, 1798, to *Jeremiah Fuller* in the County of *Salisbury* and *6th* Assessment District in the State of Connecticut.

Tracts or Lots.	Where situated.		Buildings and Wharves with their dimensions.	On whom Bounded.				Contents of each Lot.			Valuation by assessor.		
	Town.	Society.		Easterly.	Northerly.	Westerly.	Southerly.	Acres.	Rods & parts.	Dolls.	Cents.	Dollars.	Cents.
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1.	Hunt.	1 <sup>st</sup>	u	Timothy P. John	Ephraim Fuller	Highway	Highway,	76	u	3		228	
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1798 Direct Tax, Jeremiah Fuller, Records of the U.S. Customs Service, RG 36, NARA—Northeast Region [Boston]

# Newspapers

# Newspapers

- First Connecticut newspapers published during the 18th century:
  - Connecticut Gazette – 1755 (New Haven)
  - New London Summary – 1758
  - New London Gazette – 1763 (formerly Connecticut Gazette)
  - Connecticut Courant – 1764 (Hartford)
  - Connecticut Journal – 1767 (New Haven)
  - Norwich Packet - 1773

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Monday, December 3, 1764.  
**The CONNECTICUT COURANT.**  
Containing the freshest Advices,  
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**H A M B U R G H, Sept. 4.**  
**T**HEY write from Silesia, that cannon and warlike stores are daily arriving there; that the King of Prussia has reviewed the regiments which were encamped under Brieg; and that a body of Austrians, commanded by Gen. Loudohn, is forming in Upper Silesia, while another body of the same troops is assembling in Moldavia, near Olmutz.  
Letters from Thorn of the 31st of August, and those from Berlin of the 5th of September mention not a word of the election of the King of Poland.

**L O N D O N, September 6,**  
At the three places of rendezvous lately opened at Wapping, for entertaining sailors, none are admitted but those who are good and able seamen, well cloathed, and have likewise chests and bedding.  
Sept. 11. Letters from Upper Silesia bring advice, that on the

to upwards of 500 sail, from 50 to 300 tons, as appears from the following list: 50 from *St. Maers*, 70 from *Granville*, 64 from *St. Martin's* 49 from the isle of *Rhee*, 110 from *Bayonne*, 70 from *St. Jean de Luz*, 58 from *Sibur* 90 from *Rockefort*, and a large number of small craft from the different ports of inferior note along the coast; and their cargoes have sold from 30 to 36 livres the quintal.  
The whale fishery at Bermudas has this summer turned out extremely advantageous.  
Letters from Cadiz, by Friday's mail, mention the sailing of the *Glorious* and *Subtile* men of war, with 1000 troops on board; for Carthagens, in New-Spain.  
The merchants are afraid of a rupture with the Algerines; our court not being satisfied, by any means with the Divan's condemnation of the Genoese polacre taken under an English pass, and the Dey seeming absolutely determined not to give up the point in allowing us the liberty of granting passes to the

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## SECOND REGIMENT—COL. DAVID WOOSTER.

## REGIMENTAL OFFICERS.

- David Wooster [of New Haven] appointed Colonel and Captain of the first company, March, 1756.  
 William Whiting [of Norwich] appointed Lieutenant-Colonel and Captain of the Second Company, March, 1756. Discharged Dec. 3.  
 Jehosaphat Starr [of Middletown] appointed Major and Captain of the third company, March, 1756. Discharged Nov. 2.  
 Ebenezer Sage of Middletown appointed Commissary, March, 1756. [Colonial Records.]  
 Charles Whiting, Adjutant, May 2 to Dec. 3, 1756. [State Library, War 6, 515.]  
 Christopher Palmer, Adjutant, 5 weeks and 2 days. [Comptroller's Office, Treasurer's Book.]  
 Thaddeus Noble, Armourer, April 23 to Oct. 26, 1756. [State Library, War 6, 354.]

## FIRST COMPANY—COL. WOOSTER.

- David Wooster [of New Haven], Colonel and Captain.  
 Isaac Isaacs, Captain-Lieutenant. [Colonial Records.]  
 ——— Hotchkis, Second Lieutenant.  
 Christopher Palmer [of Stonington], Ensign. [Colonial Records.]

A Victualing Role of Col David Woosters Company from the Time of Entering into the Service to the 12<sup>th</sup> of May A D 1756 Enclusive

Mens Names	Weeks	Days	Mens Names	Weeks	Days
Col Wooster	6		Obediah Siccatt	5	
Cap' Lieu' Isaacs	6		Jabez Brown	5	3
Lieu' Hotchkis	5	2	John Lockwood	4	1
W <sup>m</sup> Seymour	4	6	Moses Hoyt	4	6
James Castelo	4	6	John Hekock	4	5
John Dimerat	4		W <sup>m</sup> Barronet	4	
John Roberts	4	5	Jos Riggs	4	5
Alexand' Sloan	4	5	Jon <sup>s</sup> Brooks	2	2
W <sup>m</sup> Monrow	2	3	Ebenez <sup>r</sup> Bates	4	6
Josiah Canfield	5	1	Seeley Gregory	4	2
John Greenslitt	4	6	Josiah Lockwood	4	2
Neh <sup>m</sup> Gregory	1	5	Jo <sup>s</sup> Dullittle	5	1
Sam <sup>l</sup> Selleck	4	6	Philip Tanguin	5	
Mathew Mead	4	6	Albert Williams	5	1
Nath <sup>l</sup> Westcoat	4	5	James Hekock	3	6
Jos Lockwood	4	3	Jo <sup>s</sup> Stebbins	4	1
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Sauuel Brown	3		Elijah Smith	4	1

## Muster Roll, 2nd Regiment

# John Collins

## in the Connecticut Soldiers, French and Indian War, 1755-62



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Given Name: John

Surname: Collins

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Rank: Second Lieutenant

Location: Connecticut

Regiment: Second

Regt.Command: Whiting, Nathan Colonel & Captain

Company: Fifth

Co.Command: Thompson, Jabez Captain

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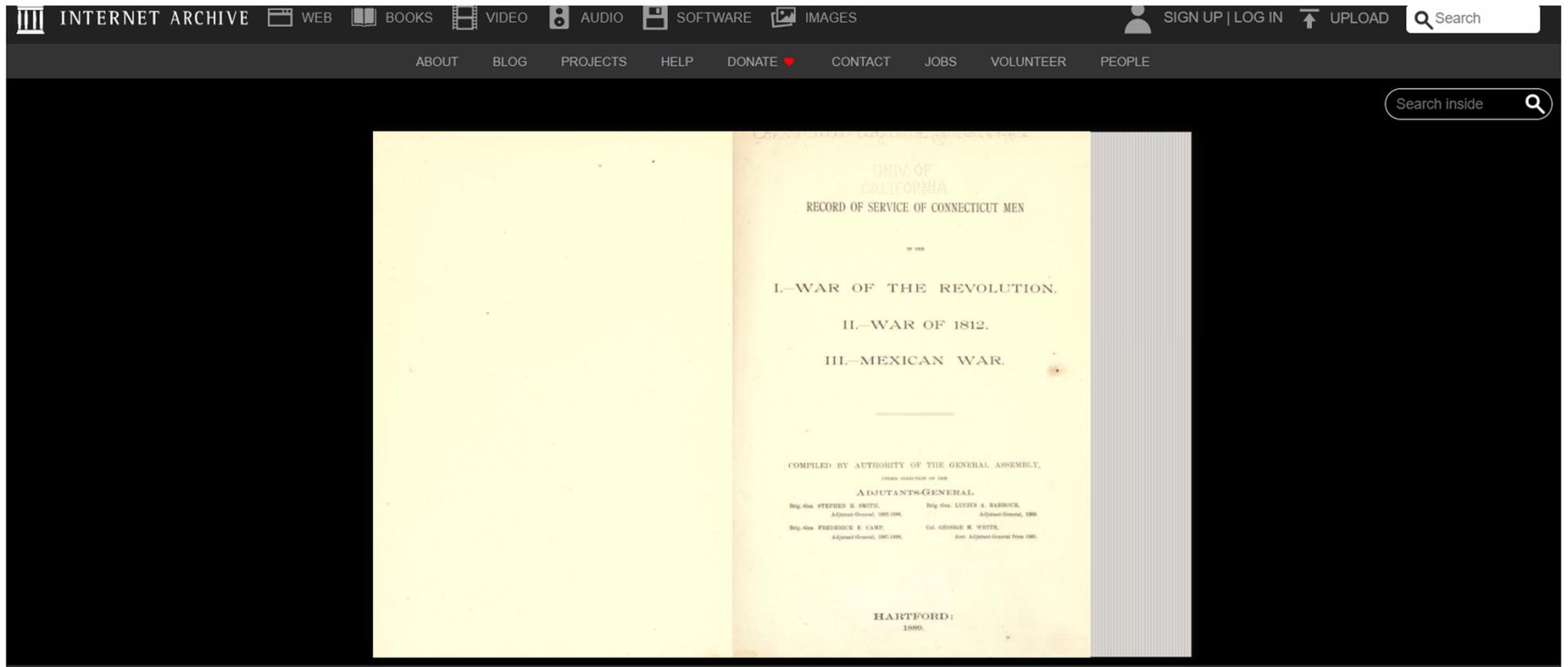
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# Revolutionary War

- *The Record of Connecticut Men in the Military and Naval Service During the War of the Revolution (1775-1783)* by Henry P. Johnston
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### 3d COMPANY.

John Durkee,.....	Captain,...	Norwich,.....	Also Major and Lieut.-Col. See above. At Bunker Hill.
Joshua Huntington,...	1 <sup>st</sup> Lieut.,...	Norwich,.....	Com. May 1; disc. Dec. 16, '75; re-ent. service in '76.
Lemuel Bingham,.....	2 <sup>d</sup> Lieut.,...	Norwich,.....	Com. May 1; engaged at Bunker Hill; disc. Dec. 10, '75.
Beriah Bill,.....	Ensign,....	Norwich,.....	Com. May 1; disc. Dec. 10, '75; re-ent. service in '75.

NAMES AND RANK.	Time Enlisted.	When Discharged, &c.	NAMES AND RANK.	Time Enlisted.	When Discharged, &c.	NAMES AND RANK.	Time Enlisted.	When Discharged, &c.
<i>Serjeants.</i>			Roger Pachard,.....	May 8	Dec. 16	Jeremiah Wilber,...	May 9	Dec. 15
Jonathan Woodworth	May 5	Dec. 10	Ebenezer Griswold,...	" 5	" 15	John Huges, .....	" 9	July 26
John Kazar,.....	" 18	" 18	Joseph Waterman,...	" 6	" 10	Jeremiah Leach,....	" 9	Dec. 10
Silas Goodell,.....	" 5	" 10	Thomas Pattin,.....	" 8	" 16	John Abbot,....	" 9	" 10
Reuben Pride,.....	" 8	" 10	Jonathan Pride, ....	" 5	" 15	Elias Burnham,.....	" 9	" 16
James Carr,.....	" 8	" 10	Samuel Ashbo, .....	" 10	June 17	Lemuel Wentworth,.	" 9	Nov. 16
<i>Corporals.</i>			Nathan Hazzen, ....	" 8	Dec. 16	John Thatcher, . . .	" 9	Dec. 15
William Huntington,	" 10	" 16	Nathan Hutchins,...	" 8	Oct. 24	Peter Tocomwas, ...	" 10	" 15
Andrew Griswold,...	" 5	" 10	John Ladd,.....	" 8	July 9	Thomas Hibbard,...	" 5	June 28
Vorce Hinckley,....	" 8	" 18	William Fisher, ....	" 8	Dec. 8	Samuel Roatts, Jr.,.	" 5	Dec. 16
Enock Baker,.....	" 5	" 15	Amos Tanner,.....	" 3	" 16	James McDonald,...	" 5	" 15
<i>Drummer.</i>			Joseph Tanner,.....	" 8	" 16	George Rogers,.....	" 5	" 16
Roger Manning, ....	" 5	" 10	Ebenezer Waterman,	" 8	" 10	James Ford,.....	" 8	" 16
<i>Fifers.</i>			Isaac Sabins,.....	" 8	" 15	Edmund Dorr,.....	" 11	" 18
Solomon Goodrich,...	" 8	" 10	Thomas Huntley, ...	" 8	" 16	Elijah Greanslit,...	" 8	" 18
Phineas Durkee,....	" 5	" 6	Samuel Pettis,.....	" 8	Oct. 6	Ebenezer Smith,....	" 8	" 12
<i>Privates.</i>			Seth Perry,.....	" 8	Dec. 10	John Stephens,.....	" 8	" 16
Simeon Thomas,....	" 5	Jan 1, '76	Jonathan Simons,...	" 8	" 16	Joseph Payne,.....	" 8	" 16
Charles Avery,.....	" 5	Dec. 10	William Armstrong,.	" 8	" 12	Asa Chapman,.....	" 8	" 15
Samuel Spicer,.....	" 5	" 16	Abiatha Beebee, ....	" 10	" 16	Nathan Read, .....	" 8	" 16
Asher Williams,....	" 8	" 10	Simeon Chichoy,....	" 10	{ sick 4 days Dec. 31	Amaziah Bottom,...	" 8	" 15
John Durkee, Jr.,...	" 5	" 18	Joseph Lathrop,....	" 8	" 10	Joshua Williams,...	" 8	" 10
			Daniel Tracey, .....	" 8	" 18	Elijah Bennet,.....	" 8	" 16
			Jedediah Leach,....	" 8	" 16	William Perigo, Jr.,.	" 8	" 15
			Thomas Trapp,.....	" 8	" 10	Daniel Preston,...	" 8	Nov. 18
						Oliver Pettingal,...	" 8	" 19

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for August. 1777

New Haven August 1777	Day Month	Officers Names	No Men	No Days	Pound Flour	Pound Beef	Pound Pork
	4	Lea <sup>t</sup> Col <sup>o</sup> M <sup>o</sup> r	2	4	8	4	5
	4	Cap <sup>t</sup> Pellebone	15	4	60	30	39
	4	Cap <sup>t</sup> Peck	45	7	397	90	169
	4	Staff O M <sup>o</sup> s	5	4	20	10	7
					485	134	120
	6	Pellebone	3	2	6	6	—
	8	Lea <sup>t</sup> Col <sup>o</sup> M <sup>o</sup> s	2	3	6	4	—
	8	Pellebone	18	3	54	33	—
		Staff O M <sup>o</sup> s	5	3	15	14	—

Connecticut Muster Rolls – 1st Battalion State  
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# Revolutionary War Pensions

- 1776 - Half pay for officers and men disabled in the service and were incapable of earning a living
- 1780 - Half pay for 7 yrs. to widows and orphans of officers
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No. 494. LYON (SECOND FAMILY)

Thomas Lyon, brother of Henry, ante, was b. abt. 1621, and d. at Greenwich, Fairfield Co., Conn., in 1690. He m. (1) Martha Joanna Winthrop, grand daughter of Governor John Winthrop. Her father, Henry Winthrop came to America, but was drowned in Salem Harbor, July 2, 1630, the day after his arrival. His widow, with her infant dau., Martha J., came to America the following year, and m. Robert Feake of Watertown, Mass., and after a few years they removed to Greenwich, Conn. Later, Mrs. Feake and her dau. lived in Stamford, Conn., and here Thomas Lyon assumes the role of son-in-law.

Mr. Lyon m. (2) abt. 1654, Mary, dau. of Simon Hoyt (Hoyt Family)

During the latter years of his life, Mr Lyon lived in Rye, just over the Connecticut line, in what is now Port Chester, N. Y. He had two children by his first wife and eight by second wife Mary.

## Lyon Family, New Englanders in Nova Scotia Manuscript



## Township Records at the Nova Scotia Archives



The early township records held at the Nova Scotia Archives collectively provide the richest and most significant accumulation of community-based 'official' records surviving from the colonial period in this province. The database presented here offers concise information about the contents of [35 township books or record collections](#), each township being one of a series of early communities established by the colonial government and scattered across mainland Nova Scotia.

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# Loyalist Records

# Loyalist Databases

- Connecticut State Library Index to Loyalist Court Records (1776-1784)
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## Connecticut State Archives – Archival Record Group-003

### Connecticut State Archives Archival Record Group (RG) #003, Records of the Judicial Department Papers by Subject

#### Index to Loyalist Connecticut court records, 1776-84

This index covers the years 1776-84 and references 867 individuals who were in some way charged as a Loyalist during the Revolutionary War. These original documents are from various County & Superior Courts primarily from Fairfield, Hartford, Litchfield, New Haven, and New London Counties; Middlesex and Tolland Counties were created in 1785 and there is only 1 record from Windham County in the index. **Please keep in mind that this index is not comprehensive and additional information may be found within the un-separated files and records of each court.**

This index includes the surname and given name of the individual, residence, year of hearing, specific notes about the case, the Connecticut court where the case was heard along with drawer/box number where the original document is found. The bulk of the documents are either warrants for an arrest or a personal or Grand Jury complaint registered against an individual. Notes include such bits of information such as the person's rank, the reason for the charge, the verdict in the case, or a petition to reduce the sentence. Of particular interest are three "Negro" men who were accused of treason, and accusations against several men who lived out of state but owned land in Connecticut. Loyalism, not surprisingly, also seemed to run in families.

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<b>Given &amp; Middle Name(s)</b>	William Ward
<b>Surname</b>	Atwater
Suffix	(Sr.)
<b>UELAC Status</b>	Proven
<b>Where Resettled</b>	Manchester, Nova Scotia
<b>Proof of Loyalty</b>	Land Grant
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<b>Regiment</b>	
<b>Enlistment Date</b>	
<b>Date/Place of Birth</b>	31 Mar 1730 at Cheshire, New Haven, Connecticut
<b>Settled Before War</b>	Connecticut.
<b>Date/Place of Death</b>	30 Aug 1787 at Manchester, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia



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<b>Place of Burial</b>	Guysborough County, Nova Scotia (no headstone)
<b>Spouse</b>	Esther Tuttle, b. 1736 Wallingford, CT, d. 1807 Guysborough, NS, m. 31 Jan 1754, daughter of Ephraim and Hannah Tuttle
<b>Children</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Rufus, b. 29 Nov 1754 d. 1790 (m. 1777 Mary Tuttle);</li> <li>2. Luman, b. 8 Feb, 1757 d. 1795;</li> <li>3. William, b. 8 Feb 1759 d. 1845 (m. Sarah Esther Andrews);</li> <li>4. Abel Ward, b. 1760 d. 1822 (m. Abiah Atwater);</li> <li>5. Chloe, b. 21 Sep 1763 d. 1825 (m. 1785 John Clark);</li> <li>6. Ira, b. 21 Jun 1765 d. 1838 (m. Lois Ives);</li> <li>7. Asenath, b. 30 Oct. 1768 d. 1783;</li> <li>8. Esther, b. 4 Oct 1771 d. 1814 (m.1788 George Whitman).</li> </ol>
<b>Biography</b>	William Atwater came with his family (though not all the older children, some of whom remained in CT) to Nova Scotia as part of the Associated Loyalists of Connecticut, and settled at Manchester in what was then Sydney County (now Guysborough County), Nova Scotia, in 1785. He died in 1787, shortly after completing construction of a sawmill and before the land grants were formally completed – the land grants eventually came to his wife Esther "widow Atwater" [ref.2] and heirs [ref.5].
<b>Proven Descendants</b>	St. Lawrence 1990.04.30; Kawartha 2020.08.17 (Edward Graham Hart); Victoria 2021.01.31 (David Birchinall Collins);
<b>Military Info</b>	
<b>Loyalist Genealogy</b>	
<b>Family History</b>	Son of Phineas and Mary (Ward) Atwater of Wallingford, CT [ref.6]
<b>Family Genealogy</b>	William was a direct descendant of David Atwater, one of the founders of New Haven, CT. [ref. 6]
<b>Sources &amp; Contributors</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. William Atwater, in T.M. Punch, "Loyalists Unmentioned", The Nova Scotia Genealogist, vol.1, No.1, 1983, pp.18-19.</li> <li>2. William Atwater's widow and children, named as land grant recipients in <a href="#">1788 List of Scovill's Company</a> in Manchester: in</li> </ol>

# Naturalization Records

# First Naturalization Act (1790)

- Any free, white, adult alien, male or female, who had resided within the limits and jurisdictions of the U.S. for a period of 2 years was eligible for citizenship
- Applicant would apply to any court in any one of the states where they resided at least one year
- Citizenship was granted to those who showed they were of good moral character and took an oath of allegiance to the Constitution
- Children under 21 years automatically became citizens if they had a parent who successfully naturalized

# Naturalization Act of 1795

- Increased period of residence from 2 to 5 years
- Applicants were required to declare publicly their intention to become citizens of the United States and to renounce any allegiance to a foreign prince, monarch, state, or sovereignty 3 years before admission as citizens
- Immigrants who had any hereditary titles or of the nobility class were also required to renounce that status

# Searching for Naturalization Records

- New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906
  - Index cards created for each immigrant that indicate when they naturalized, what court, what country they were from, where they live, and the reference information to find the naturalization records
- Search at the county level where the person resided in FamilySearch for any digitized naturalization records
- Contact county courthouses to check their naturalization indexes and court minutes that are not digitized



## United States, New England Petitions for Naturalization Index, 1791-1906

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This is an index to photocopies of naturalization documents filed in courts in Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont from 1791 to 1906. The photocopies and the index are in the National Archives-New England Region. The index consists of 3x5 inch cards arranged by state and thereunder by name of petitioner, arranged according to the soundex system. The index refers to the name and location of the court that granted the certificate of naturalization, and to the volume and page number (or certificate number) of the naturalization record. NARA publication title: Index to New England Naturalization Petitions, 1791-1906 (NARA M1299).

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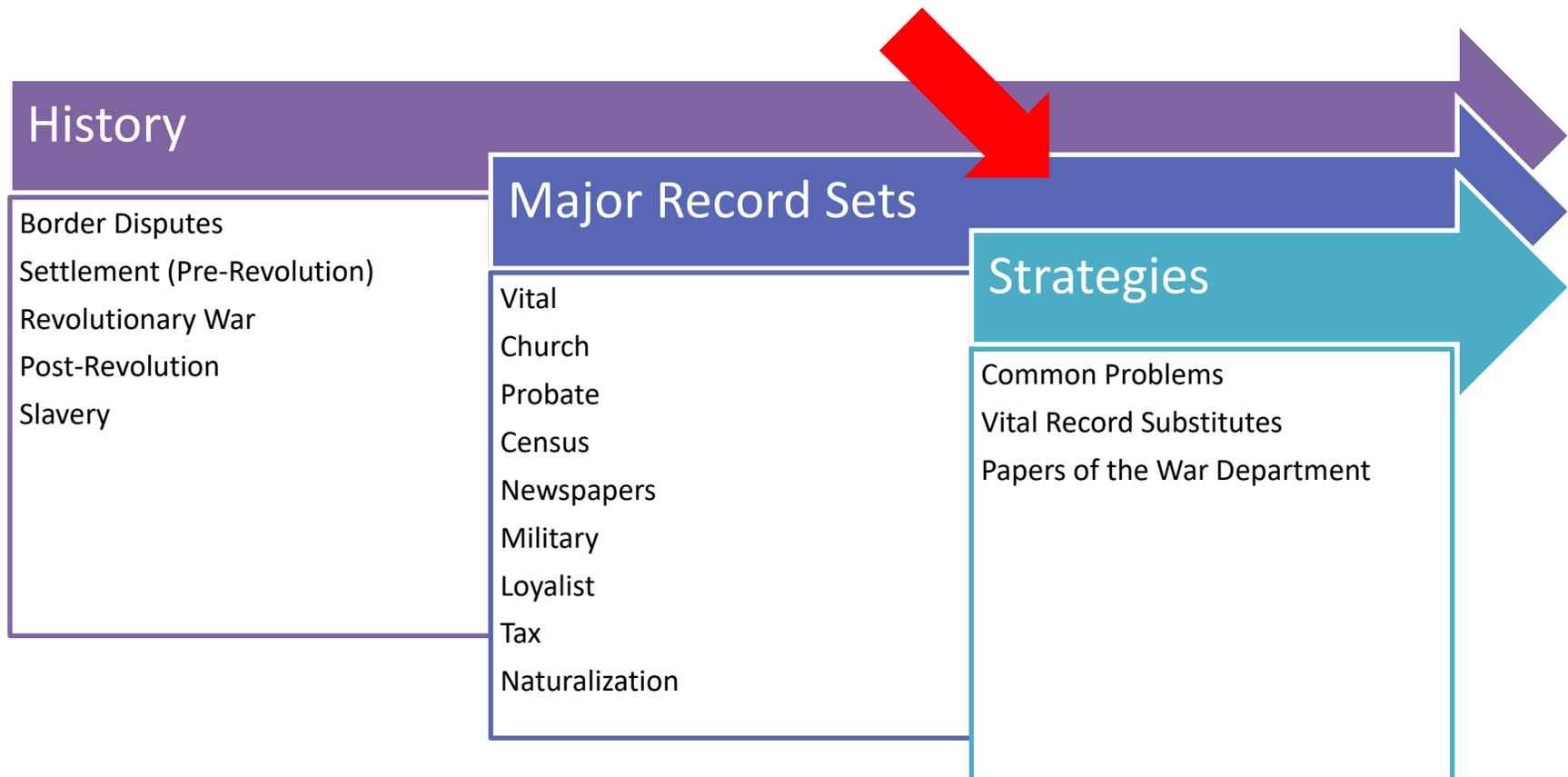
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# Overview



# Strategies

# Common Problems

- Vital Record Registration not mandatory until 1897
- First major census is 1790 and is by head of household only
- Military pension and bounty land warrant applications destroyed by fire at the War Dept in 1800

# Vital Record Substitutes

- Church Records
- Land Deeds
- Probate Records
- Court Records
- Tax Records

# Census Substitutes

- Church Records
- Tax Records

# Papers of the War Department 1784-1800

- On November 8, 1800, there was a fire at the War Department
- Revolutionary War pension applications and bounty land application files were destroyed
- A project was started to rebuild the War Department Papers, led by Ted Crackel; the project team visited more than 200 repositories and about 42,000 documents collected and scanned

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### HOW TO USE THE PAPERS OF THE WAR DEPARTMENT

- ★ Browsing Names and Documents
- ★ Searching the Collection
- ★ How to Cite Documents

### HISTORICAL CONTEXT

- ★ Resources for the Late Eighteenth Century United States
- ★ Commonly used abbreviations
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# Review

1. The 18th Century in Connecticut had many large historical milestones, which created many records.
2. Don't limit research to only census records and vital records – seek out as many records as you can, including browsable collections on FamilySearch.



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